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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: DELTA LASH PROBLEM

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DELTA LASH PROBLEM ON APRIL 9 WITH AMBASSADOR MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. TIRADO WAS ACQUAINTED WITH LASH PROBLEM IN GENERAL, BUT SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY CONTACT CAVN FOR DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC DETAILS. TIRADO CALLED BACK ON APRIL 23 TO SAY THAT AFTER DISCUSSING THE MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF CAVN HE BELIEVED THE LASH PROBLEM WAS ONE TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN CAVN AND DELTA LINE OFFICIALS. TIRADO FELT CERTAIN THAT THE GOV WOULD APPROVE ANY ARRANGEMENT AGREED TO BY OFFICIALS OF THE TWO STEAMSHIP LINES.

2. ON AFTERNOON OF APRIL 22, EMBOFFS PAID COURTESY CALL ON REAR ADMIRAL GUSTAVO BAUDET CHAPELLIN, NEWLY APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CAVN. WHEN EMBOFF MENTIONED DELTA LASH PROBLEM, BAUDET STATED THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN THE FEBRUARY 18 LETTER WRITTEN TO HIS PREDECESSOR, DR. MARQUEZ-ANEZ, BY JAY CLARK, PRESIDENT OF DELTA LINE. EMBOFFS SAID USG FULLY SUPPORTS DELTA EFFORTS TO

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EXPAND LASH SERVICE TO VENEZUELA AND POINTED OUT THAT CAVN

HAS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO US PORTS..BAUDET SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER, BUT EMPHASIZED CAVN RELUCTANCE TO GIVE DELTA A LARGER SHARE OF CARGO. ADMIRAL BAUDET AGREED THAT CAVN AND DELTA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MEET PERIODICALLY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. BAUDET SAID HE WOULD BE LEAVING FOR EUROPE ON MAY 1 AND SUGGESTED THAT IF THE DELTA LINE PRESIDENT COULD ARRANGE TO BE IN CARACAS PRIOR TO MAY 1, HE WOULD WELCOME A MEETING WITH HIM.

3. IN TELEPHONE CALLS SAME AFTERNOON, EMBOFFS PASSED INFORMATION ON TO CAPTAIN CLARK AND CORPORACION RINCON, DELTA'S AGENT HERE. CLARK COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULE VISIT IN ORDER TO MEET WITH THE CAVN PRESIDENT PRIOR TO MAY 1. AGENT CALLED LATER TO SAY THAT CLARK NOW HAS APPOINTMENT WITH BAUDET ON APRIL 28.

4. ON QUESTION OF LIMITATION OF US LASH VESSEL SERVING VENEZUELAN PORTS, EMBOFFS POINTED OUT TO CLARK THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT LA GUAIRA NOT PHYSICALLY SUITED TO HANDLE LASH OPERATIONS DUE TO HEAVY SEAS AND HIGH WINDS. CLARK AGREED AND EXPLAINED THAT REAL ISSUE IS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ALL PORTS,REGARDLESS OF TYPE OF VESSEL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT DELTA WAS CONTEMPLATING OPERATING GENERAL CARGO VESSELS AT SUCH PORTS AS LA GUAIRA AND GUANTA.

5. COMMENT - ADMIRAL BAUDET IS NEW ON THE JOB, BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT HE HAS BEEN WELL BRIEFED ON DELTA LINES AND ITS DESIRE TO EXPAND CARGO SERVICE TO VENEZUELA. AS POINTED OUT BY CAPTAIN CLARK, DELTA'S REAL INTEREST IS TO EXPAND ALL CARGO SERVICES TO VENEZUELAN PORTS - NOT JUST LASH. THE EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO RENDER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN, BUT WE FORESEE STRONG RESISTANCE ON THE PART OF CAVN. CAVN IS EXPANDING THE SIZE OF ITS CARGO FLEET SUBSTANTIALLY, AND IS LIKELY TO RESIST STRONGLY DELTA'S EFFORTS TO SECURE AN AGREEMENT ON EQUAL ACCESS AND POOLING.
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